

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND PURCHASING
(Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council)

Chairman: Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., Council District No. 7

A **meeting** of the **COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND PURCHASING**, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, was held on **Monday, January 24, 2011**, in the Assembly Room of the Berkeley County Administration Building, 1003 Highway 52, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, at 7:29 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., Council District No. 7; Committee Member Phillip Farley, Council District No. 1; Committee Member Robert O. Call, Jr., Council District No. 3; Committee Member Dennis L. Fish, Council District No. 5; Committee Member Jack H. Schurlknight, Council District No. 6; Supervisor Daniel W. Davis; Ms. Nicole Ewing, County Attorney; and Ms. Barbara B. Austin, Clerk of County Council.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the electronic and print media were duly notified.

Chairman Pinckney: "I would like to call the Committee on Public Works and Purchasing Committee meeting to order. First item on the agenda is the approval of minutes from December 13, 2010."

Council Member S. Davis: "Move for approval"

Committee Member Farley: "Second"

Chairman Pinckney: "I have a motion and a second. Any corrections to these minutes? (No Response) All in favor say Aye? (Ayes) All opposed Nay? (No Response) The minutes stand approved as presented."

Council Member S. Davis: "Mr. Pinckney, I stand corrected. I'm not on that Committee. I don't have the authority to move for approval."

Chairman Pinckney: "You're sharp, Mr. Davis. I guess that is why you are a lawyer."

Committee Member Schurlknight: "Is this for the minutes, Mr. Pinckney?"

Chairman Pinckney: "Yes, it is."

Committee Member Schurlknight: "I'm a member. I'll move for approval."

Chairman Pinckney: "I have a motion and a second. All in favor say Aye? (Ayes) All opposed Nay? (No Response) The minutes stand approved as presented."

It was moved by Committee Member Schurlknight and seconded by Committee Member Farley to **approve** the minutes as presented. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

A. Mr. Frank Carson, PE, Berkeley County Engineer, Re:

1. Bushy Park Boat Landing - Proposed Lease.

Mr. Carson: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This issue came up a few months ago when we got a call from DNR reminding us and CPW of Charleston also, that their lease on the property, which is the Bushy Park Boat Landing, had expired. DNR no longer leases sites or owns sites for boat landings. They put that off on the local government. We had a meeting in Charleston with Charleston Water System and discussed the situation. What's been proposed is to lease the site from Charleston Water System to Berkeley County and we would operate and maintain the boat landing under this lease for, I believe it is a 20 year lease."

Committee Member Farley: "This is for \$5.00 per year, Frank?"

Mr. Carson: "Yes sir."

Chairman Pinckney: "Mr. Carson, is there anything different we need to expect as far as responsibilities are concerned to the County?"

Mr. Carson: "The responsibilities, we previously had a contract with DNR for maintenance. That doesn't include funding major improvements. Those in the past have been done through Water Recreation funds, so we would still work with DNR to apply for Water Rec funds and hope that the delegation would grant those. That wouldn't change and DNR would still provide technical assistance."

Chairman Pinckney: "What should happen should the delegation don't approve this funding?"

Mr. Carson: "Well, we would risk, if the County is not willing to provide the funds, we would risk losing the boat landings or closing the ramps. One thing I did want to mention is that a few years ago, Berkeley County and five other coastal counties did a Joint Coastal Boat Landing Study. What they found in the survey is that the Bushy Park Boat Landing is the...of the people who responded, was the busiest boat landing in any of those counties. If you have been there, you know that instead of less, they actually need more because there is a lot of parking on Bushy Park Road and so forth. So those facilities, in spite of the fact that there probably will be more demands on the Water Rec funds and less chance of getting it. It is an important landing."

Committee Member Farley: "Mr. Chairman?"

Chairman Pinckney: "Yes sir"

Committee Member Farley: “Frank, do we have any idea of what the insurance will run? Liability insurance?”

Mr. Carson: “We don’t have an exact figure, because we couldn’t get a valuation from DNR. It’s not going to be a great deal based on the value of the improvements. There’s not....”

Committee Member Farley: “CPW wouldn’t tell you what they paid or anything?”

Mr. Carson: “Well, they are covering it now, but they are only covering it in the short term and they didn’t have that figure at the time.”

Committee Member Call: “Mr. Chairman?”

Chairman Pinckney: “Yes, Mr. Call”

Committee Member Call: “Mr. Carson, does this cover the boat landings on both the fresh water and the salt water side?”

Mr. Carson: “Yes sir”

Committee Member Farley: “Move for approval”

Committee Member Schurlknight: “Second”

Chairman Pinckney: “I have a motion and a second. Are there any further discussion? All in favor? (Ayes) Opposes? (Nay) (No Response) Motion carries”

It was moved by Committee Member Farley and seconded by Committee Member Schurlknight to **approve** the Bushy Park Boat Landing - Proposed Lease. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Chairman Pinckney: “Again, Mr. Carson, we have next on the agenda, of course, is the proposed local street resurfacing.”

2. Proposed Local Street Resurfacing – Transportation Sales Tax Program.

Mr. Carson: “Under the Transportation Sales Tax Program, there was an element included for local street resurfacing. A few months ago, Council approved a process for evaluating what roads would get included in that category. We surveyed or we asked for recommendations from all of the municipalities and we took citizens’ request and we also took requests from DOT and our own Roads & Bridges Department for roads to include. We included in the spreadsheet, we included all the requests that were considered. There were some that weren’t eligible. We also had a longer list from Roads & Bridges and DOT that we cut down just for evaluation purposes because we felt like it was important particularly in this first

group of projects to include as many as possible from citizens' request and also from the municipalities. There are some that are priority, maintenance wise. The Pequannock project that we talk about in here. The recommendation comes from meetings between myself and Danny Thrower, who is Roads & Bridges Manager and Clint Busby, the Deputy County Engineer. One of the things we tried to look at is from a contracting point of view, what made sense as far as mobilization, trying to get roads in a certain area, rather than hopping and skipping across different parts of the county. If you see more than one area here, for instance, perhaps in the next stage, they would focus in a different neighborhood. We had hoped to be able to include some of the larger resurfacing projects, but at the moment, not too many of those are included. There are some in the request. For instance, Goose Creek had the request for U.S. 176 or Moncks Corner had 17A, portions in the town and we didn't include those at this point, feeling like these local neighborhood streets were a little more important to get started. I will be happy to answer any questions."

Committee Member Schurlknight: "Mr. Chairman?"

Chairman Pinckney: "Yes, Mr. Schurlknight"

Committee Member Schurlknight: "Frank, talking about the 1 Cent Sales Tax and I guess everybody is kinda wondering what our two next big ones being Hwy. 6 from Moncks Corner to 311 and also Cooper Store Road. Can you give us a little update on where those projects are?"

Mr. Carson: "Right, I'll.... Let me start out by saying that I met with the Chairman this evening and we talked about having a thorough presentation probably in the March meeting, to talk in detail about all of those. The two that you mentioned are really priority projects for us and we tried to get an early start. We did get an early start. What we found was two different situations. On Hwy. 6, we had budgeted that based on being able to patch and resurface. What we found in the geotechnical work is that it is going to be a reconstruction, reclamation and resurfacing. We will just reallocate some of the funds. It is not a huge change, but it is a change in what we budgeted."

Committee Member Schurlknight: "Frank, just one quick question. When you say reconstruction of that are you talking about taking up the asphalt, remilling it and coming back and laying a better foundation?"

Mr. Carson: "It is full depth reclamation where you grind up the top ten inches of whatever is there and combine it with cement to stabilize it and then come back with an intermediate and a surface course of asphalt."

Committee Member Schurlknight: "Would that be similar to Hwy. 311 when they did that up on that end there? They were mixing some stuff in there and cementing it out?"

Mr. Carson: "Yes and that is also what we have always known was what was going to happen for Jedburg Road. That was envisioned in the beginning for that road. So it will be a reconstructed road when we are finished. It will have two foot paved shoulders on both sides

and the roadway improved. Right now, we are dealing with some permitting issues with DOT, but the preliminary plans are done. The geotechnical and survey work is done so we hope to move forward with construction this summer. Jedburg Road is....the preliminary plans are done. We've got some negotiating with DOT. They want a widened road section and move the ditches back and some things that we hadn't counted on originally. So, we are still trying to get to the point to resolve those issues with them and go to construction."

Committee Member Schurlknight: "I understand that we have a new website with the 1 Cent Sales Tax and giving us an update on roads and where we are for the general public to go into and look at."

Mr. Carson: "There is a page on the website. It's to give you an idea on any of the projects. It's a little bit simplified. Probably people would still have specific questions, but it gives you an overview of where things stand on the various projects. It's kind of in the early stages. It may not be updated as regularly as it will be shortly."

Committee Member Schurlknight: "Good. Thank you"

Council Member S. Davis: "Mr. Chairman?"

Chairman Pinckney: "Yes, Mr. Davis"

Council Member S. Davis: "The road I'm overly concerned about is Tobacco Road. Where are we with that, Tobacco Road?"

Mr. Carson: "We've got the right-of-way plans finished and the right-of-way documents will be going out this month, this coming month."

Council Member S. Davis: "Thank you, because that is very critical, Tobacco Road."

Mr. Carson: "I understand."

Chairman Pinckney: "What is the pleasure of the Committee?"

Committee Member Farley: "Move for approval"

Committee Member Schurlknight: "Second"

Chairman Pinckney: "We have a motion and a second. Are there any further discussion? (No Response) All in favor say Aye? (Ayes) All opposed Nay? (No Response) The motion carries."

It was moved by Committee Member Farley and seconded by Committee Member Schurlknight to **approve the Proposed Local Street Resurfacing – Transportation Sales Tax Program.** The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Chairman Pinckney: "Next is an item that was held in Committee on December 13, 2010."

HELD IN COMMITTEE ON DECEMBER 13, 2010

B. Mr. Micah Miley, Director of Engineering, Re:

1. St. Stephen Gravity Sewer Rehabilitation, CDBG Construction Contract.

Mr. Miley: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is a request for the approval of a construction contract. This is a grant project and running concurrently with your approval, is the Department of Commerce approval of the awarding of the contract. So both are going on concurrently and documents will not be signed until approval by both bodies. We do recommend approval of the construction contract to Southeast Pipe Survey in the amount of \$355,759.50."

Chairman Pinckney: "What is the pleasure of the Committee?"

Committee Member Schurlknight: "Move for approval"

Chairman Pinckney: "Do I have a second?"

Committee Member Call: "Second"

Chairman Pinckney: "Any further discussion?"

Committee Member Fish: "Mr. Chairman?"

Chairman Pinckney: "Yes, Mr. Fish"

Committee Member Fish: "You didn't take the lowest bid on those. Is there a reason why?"

Mr. Miley: "The lowest bid on the project did not meet the technical specifications set forth in the contract. So they were actually not a responsive bidder, so when you look at the bid list, the lowest bidder is not a responsive bidder."

Committee Member Fish: "Thank you."

Chairman Pinckney: "All in favor? (Ayes) Opposes Nay? (No Response) The motion carries."

It was moved by Committee Member Schurlknight and seconded by Committee Member Call to **approve** the **St. Stephen Gravity Sewer Rehabilitation**, CDBG Construction Contract. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Chairman Pinckney: "I will entertain a motion to adjourn."

Committee Member Schurlknight: "So move"

Committee Member Fish: "Second"

Chairman Pinckney: "I have a motion and a second. All in favor? (Ayes) Opposes Nay? (No Response) We stand adjourned."

It was moved by Committee Member Schurlknight and seconded by Committee Member Fish to **adjourn** the Committee on Public Works & Purchasing meeting. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

The meeting ended at 7:42 pm.

February 14, 2011

Date Approved

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Members: Mr. Phillip Farley, District No. 1
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Mr. Jack H. Schurlknight, District No. 6
Mr. Daniel W. Davis, Supervisor, ex officio

A **meeting** of the **COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND PURCHASING**, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council will be held on **Monday January 10, 2011**, at **6:00 p.m.**, following other scheduled committee meetings in the Assembly Room, Berkeley County Administration Building, 1003 Highway 52, Moncks Corner, South Carolina.

AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 13, 2010

A. Mr. Frank Carson, PE, Berkeley County Engineer, Re:

1. Bushy Park Boat Landing - Proposed Lease.
2. Proposed Local Street Resurfacing – Transportation Sales Tax Program.

HELD IN COMMITTEE ON DECEMBER 13, 2010

B. Mr. Micah Miley, Director of Engineering, Re:

1. St. Stephen Gravity Sewer Rehabilitation, CDBG Construction Contract.

January 5, 2011
S/Barbara B. Austin, CCC
Clerk of County Council